

Worship: Orphans vs Sons & Daughters

Only former enemies of God that are now no less than daughters and sons, those are the inhabitants of heaven. Worship God for His astounding grace and mercy as the work of Jesus is applied to those who are His. Spend some time worshiping God by reading and reflecting on what you were, to what you have become. Pick one of the 5 descriptions that moves your heart to praise God His greatness revealed in our dependence.

The Orphan – Life as Self-Effort

Jn 14:18 I will not leave you as orphans. I will come to you.

1. Feels alone; lacks a vital daily intimacy with God; “a vacuum of self-concern”
2. Full of anxiety over “felt needs;” friends, money, etc; “I’m alone and nobody cares; not a happy camper
3. Lives on a success/fail basis; must “look good” at any cost; performance oriented
4. Feels condemned, guilty and unworthy before God and others
5. Has a “little faith” lots of fear, no ability to really trust God. “I’ve got to fix it.”

Sons and Daughters – The Light Life of Faith

1 Jn 3:1 See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are.

1. Has a growing assurance that “God is **really** MY loving Heavenly Father”
2. Trusts the Father and has a growing confidence in His loving care; is being freed up from worry
3. Learning to live in daily self-conscious partnership with God; not fearful
4. Feels loved, forgiven, and totally accepted because Christ’s merit really clothes you.
5. A Daily working trust in God’s sovereign plan for his life as loving wise and best